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USADB

TREASURY FOR FINKEL

E.O. 11652: ADS, DECLAS 6/30/74

TAGS: EAID, EFIN, LA

SUBJECT: NAM NGUM II CONSULTING ENGINEERS

REF: VIENTIANE 8503

1. AGREE IN GENERAL WITH POINTS MADE REFTEL. SIMILAR
PROBLEMS AND CONSIDERATIONS HAVE BEEN BROUGHT TO ATTENTION
USADB IN RECENT PAST.

2. REGARDING SHORT-LIST PRESENTED BY LAOTIANS TO ADB,
ADB IN PROCESS OF REVIEWING SHORT-LIST AND INDICATING
APPROVAL TO LAOTIANS AT WHICH TIME LAOTIANS CAN INVITE
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SHORT-LISTED FIRMS TO PREPARE AND SUBMIT TECHNICAL

PROPOSALS. ADB STAFF HAS INDICATED THAT APPROVAL WILL MOST LIKELY BE INDICATED TO LAOTIANS MONDAY, DEC. 24.

3. UNTIL APPROVAL BY ADB IS INDICATED, LAOTIANS MAY SUPPLEMENT SHORT-LIST WITH SUCH SUPPLEMENTATION SUBJECT TO BANK REVIEW AND APPROVAL FOR INCLUSION ON FINAL SHORT-LIST. U.S. AID DIRECTOR MAY CONSIDER APPROACHING DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDL SUGGESTING STRONGLY THAT EITHER HARZA OR CHARLES T. MAIN BE ADDED TO SHORT-LIST BY END OF THIS WEEK. CHARLES T. MAIN EXCELLENT CANDIDATE FOR ADDITION TO SHORT-LIST IN LIGHT OF (1) EXPRESSED INTEREST IN NAM NGUM II PROJECT REPRESENTING ONLY U.S. FIRM ON ORIGINAL LONG LIST TO INDICATE SUCH INTEREST AND PERSONALLY CONTACT BOTH BANK AND EDL, AND (2) EXCELLENT REPUTATION ENJOYED BY FIRM. FYI U.S. NATIONAL ON BANK STAFF, ELECTRICAL ENGINEER FAMILIAR WITH NAM NGUM II, CONSIDERS MAIN TO BE MOST APPROPRIATE SELECTION FOR SHORT-LIST AND WAS PRIVATELY PUZZLED THAT WHITE HAD BEEN INCLUDED RATHER THAN MAIN. END FYI. MUST REPEAT, HOWEVER, THAT, SHOULD LAOTIANS DECIDE TO SUPPLEMENT SHORT-LIST, BANK WOULD CONSIDER ADDITIONAL CANDIDATE WITHOUT OBLIGATION TO NECESSARILY ACCEPT LAOTIAN REQUEST.

4. USADB CONCURS THAT COMPOSITION OF CURRENT SHORT-LIST AND MANNER OF SELECTION MAY WELL CAUSE SUBSEQUENT

DIFFICULTIES BOTH FOR LAOTIANS AND ADB. CONSEQUENTLY, WOULD STRONGLY URGE, SUBJECT TO YOUR JUDGMENT, FURTHER OVERTURE BE MADE TO DIRECTOR-GENERAL EDL REGARDING ADDITION OF U.S. FIRM TO SHORT-LIST.
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